



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Appl. No. : 09/681,409 Confirmation No. 3201
Applicant : Ferlitsch et al.
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Examiner : Saeid Ebrahimi-dehKordy
Docket No. : SLA0360
Customer No. : 52894
Title : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRINT-PROCESSOR-BASED PRINTER
STATUS DETECTION AND PRINT TASK DISTRIBUTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to the Office Action of July 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.